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The Appeal Brief filed on 25 August 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1. ☒ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☒ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☒ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
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NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR

41.37(c)

The brief does not contain the items of the brief required by 37 CFR 41.37(c) under the appropriate headings and/or in the order indicated.

The brief's statement of the **Status of the Claims** identifies the status of only the appealed claims rather than all the claims as required. The listing of the status of all the claims in the appendix is inappropriate.

The brief's **Summary of Claimed Subject Matter** does not refer to the specification by page and line number for each step laid out in the independent claim as required. While reference to the drawings with reference characters is appropriate, the summary must also refer to the page and line number of the specification for support of each step.

The brief's statement of **Grounds of Rejection To Be Reviewed On Appeal** contains only a statement of the rejection of claims 9-12 under 35 USC § 102(b) and not statements of the two rejections under 35 USC § 103 (a) as required. Additionally, the statement of the examiner's position is inappropriate in this section.

The brief's statement of **Argument** fails to provide separate headings for arguments of the rejections two rejections under 35 USC § 103 (a) as required.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark A. Deuble whose telephone number is (571) 272-6912. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday except for alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene O. Crawford can be reached on (571) 272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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